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Kindly do not allow the practice of forced molting in egg-laying hens. This is a very inhumane practice, and reflects on the prevailing culture of consumerism in this country. How much more do we expect of creatures that are lesser than us? This is a very unnatural and unhealthy practice that puts those poor hens through misery for our own selfish needs. Why does everything in this country have to be more, more, and more? Why are we not satisfied with what we have? Why does everything have to be obtained at the expense of some being's life and welfare? Please consider this petition carefully, and for once think about the animals as living creatures, and not as products in a supermarket.

Sincerely,

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